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SUBJECT: VISIT OF USS ENTERPRISE, LONG BEACH, TRUXTON TO  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. DEFENSE MINISTER KILLEN'S OFFICE HAS JUST RUNG  
EMBASSY TO SAY THAT WORD OF USS ENTERPRISE TASK GROUP  
VISIT TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAS APPARENTLY REACHED THE  
AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC, AND MINISTER'S OFFICE WANTS TO MAKE  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THIS EVENING LOCAL TIME, IN GENERAL  
TERMS, OF FORTHCOMING VISIT OF ENTERPRISE TASK GROUP TO  
"WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORTS" (I.E. NOT SPECIFICALLY PERTH/  
FREEMANTLE AND BUNBURY AT THIS TIME).

2. ACCORDING TO DEFENSE MINISTER'S OFFICE, A SUFFICIENT  
VOLUME OF MAIL FROM SAILORS ON BOARD USN SHIPS HAS  
REACHED AUSTRALIA THAT A GROUP OF FRIENDS OF THE SAILORS  
FROM TASMANIA HAVE TALKED ABOUT CHARTERING AN AIRCRAFT  
TO FLY FROM HOBART TO PERTH TO BE THERE WHEN THE SHIPS  
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COME IN. THE NEWS MEDIA/RADIO STATIONS IN AUSTRALIA  
HAVE GOTTEN WIND OF THIS AND WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD  
BREAK THE STORY WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR HOURS. TO PRECLUDE  
EMBARRASSMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MINISTER, GOA  
WISHES TO MAKE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT WITHIN  
THE NEXT TWO HOURS.

3. SINCE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE HAS BEEN GRANTED, AND WE ARE WITHIN THE 4-6 WEEK TIME FRAME NORMALLY USED FOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITS, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM GOA THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO LOW KEY GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING VISIT OF CTG ENTERPRISE TO UNSPECIFIED WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORTS. (FYI: BECAUSE OF A VARIETY OF RECENT POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING CIRCUMSTANCES, DEFENCE MINISTER KILLEN'S OFFICE IS UNLIKELY TO BE WILLING TO RISK FURTHER EMBARRASSMENT OVER THIS ONE BY HAVING THE PRESS BEAT HIM TO THE PUNCH; IN THE ABSENCE OF A STRONG IMMEDIATE US OBJECTION, KILLEN'S OFFICE WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT TWO HOURS FROM NOW.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EITHER IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION TO ANNOUNCE THE VISIT OR, IF SUCH IS THE CASE, EVEN FASTER INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GOA THAT WE DO NOT WISH AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME WITH RATIONALE WE CAN USE TO DEFEND THIS POSITION.

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